(c) the effective measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Central Government to make available free legal aid to the poor and weaker sections of society in Madhya Pradesh ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) The sanctioned Budget Grant under the sub-head 'Grant-in-Aid' in a financial year has been Rs. 40.00 lakh except in 1989-90 and 1990-91 when it was Rs. 45.00 lakh and Rs. 47.00 lakh respectively. The grants released to Madhya Pradesh Legal Aid & Advice Board etc. during the last five financial years are as under :

Financial Year	Grant released Rs.
1988-89 . . .	NIL
1989-90 . . .	1,10,000
1990-91 . . .	1,00,000
1991-92 . . .	2,35,000
1992-93 . . .	2,20,000

The State Legal Aid & Advice Board distribute the grant amongst the District Legal Aid & Committee on the basis of the Legal Aid Programmes to be undertaken by them.

(b) whether it is also a fact that the funds by a State Government may differ depending upon law and order, floods/drought and attitute of the professionals etc.

(c) Various Legal Aid Programmes, such as promotion of Legal literancy, holding of Legal Aid Camps/Lok Adalats, and Training of Para-Legal etc. are being organised to make available Free Legal Aid to poor persons in different parts of the country including Madhya Pradesh.

Chief Election Commissioner's powers

81. **SHRI P. UPENDRA** : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Election Commissioner has raised a number of issues relating to his powers under Article 324 of the Constitution ; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereon ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is sub-judice before the Supreme Court of India.

Demand for comprehensive electoral reforms

82. **SHRI P. UPENDRA** :

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that various political parties have been demanding comprehensive electoral reforms ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Election Commission has also forwarded some draft proposals in this regard ; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to consult political parties to finalise the contemplated reforms ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय में लंबित मामले

83. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** : क्या **प्रधानमंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 31 अक्तूबर, 1993 की स्थिति के अनुसार इलाहाबाद उच्च न्यायालय में श्रेणीवार सिविल, आपराधिक तथा संवैधानिक कितने-कितने मामले लंबित पड़े हैं और उन मामलों का